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## WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING 8:00 A.M. MONDAY

Temperatures averaged much below normal. Extremes were 65 at Canoe Brook on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 24 degrees at Belvidere on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Weekly rainfall averaged 0.26 inches North, 0.35 inches Central, and 0.10 inches South. The heaviest 24 hour total reported was 0.35 inches at Trenton on the 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>.

Estimated soil moisture, in percent of field capacity, this past week averaged 100 percent North, 98 percent Central and 93 percent South. Four inch soil temperatures averaged 41 degrees North, 44 degrees Central and 46 degrees South.

Weather Stations	Rainfall			Temperatures				Growing Degree Days		Soil Moisture 2/
	Last Week	Since March 1		Last Week				1/		
		Total	Depart.*	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Depart.*	Total	Depart.*	
<div><div>- Inches -</div><div>- Degrees -</div><div>- Base 50°F -</div><div>Percent</div></div>										
NORTH										
Belvidere Bridge	.37	5.53	.52	63	24	43.	-4	1	1	100
Canoe Brook	.21	5.34	-.38	65	28	44.	-3	0	0	99
Charlotteburg	.27	5.46	.06	63	27	42.	-3	0	0	100
Flemington	DATA NO T AVAILABLE									
Long Valley	.12	4.02	-1.71	62	26	41.	-5	0	0	100
CENTRAL										
Newton	.35	4.97	.26	61	27	43.	-3	0	0	99
Freehold	.19	8.45	2.90	64	31	47.	-2	2	2	99
Long Branch	.44	9.61	3.85	57	31	44.	-4	0	0	100
New Brunswick	.41	7.35	2.18	64	29	45.	-4	0	0	100
Pemberton	DATA NO T AVAILABLE									
Toms River	.24	7.89	2.42	59	29	45.	-3	0	0	100
Trenton	.49	6.04	1.01	62	29	46.	-4	3	3	100
SOUTH										
A.C. Marina	.15	4.32	-.33	60	38	48.	-2	5	5	90
Cape May C.H.	.07	4.97	.08	64	29	47.	-3	9	9	82
Downtown	.19	5.70	.68	64	28	47.	-3	7	7	95
Glassboro	.10	5.87	.61	64	33	48.	-2	2	2	91
Hammonton	.07	5.92	.86	64	27	47.	-3	3	3	89
Pomona	.01	5.73	.73	62	26	45.	-4	5	5	88
Seabrook	.09	6.08	1.68	64	31	48.	-3	7	6	91
South Harrison	.08	5.83	1.10	63	32	48.	N/A	3	N/A	N/A

\*Departure from normal.

1/ Growing degree days since March 1, total and departure from normal or long term average.

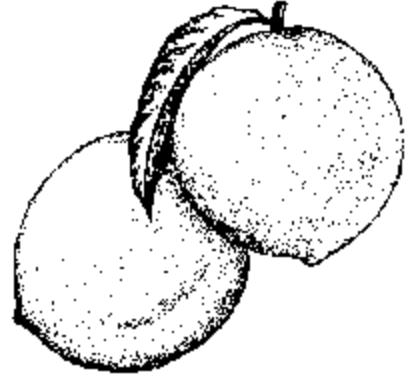
2/ Estimated soil moisture as % of field capacity based on climate data.

Maximum thermometer at Pemberton has been replaced. Temperatures have been averaging much too high and therefore Growing degree days units are too high.

As of June 26th, South Harrison replaced Woodstown, but the values will be compared to the normals for Woodstown because no normals exist for South Harrison.

## AGRICULTURE

Days suitable for field work 3.7. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 21% adequate and 79% surplus. Outdoor activities were limited, as wet conditions continue to hamper field preparation and planting across much of the state. Producers in have begun planting beets, radishes, zucchini and asparagus as weather permits. Producers in southern counties also continued to make progress in planting spring lettuce, spinach, cabbage, and other leafy greens. Fruit growers continued pruning trees in preparation for the growing season.



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